BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: 2/19/03   DIVISION: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BULK ITEM: No   DEPARTMENT: AIRPORTS

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Approval to terminate the services of URS after the completion of current projects and advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a new Airport General Engineering firm for Monroe County airports.

ITEM BACKGROUND: Shortly before the renewal of their contact, Griener became URS Inc. through a series of mergers and acquisitions. Unfortunately, larger is not always better, and as a result, service to KWIA has suffered. There seems to be a lack of coordination between the two URS offices that serve us (Miami and Tampa) and they now act as separate and individual entities. When key people leave or are forced out of URS, people who have served us for years and are vital to our programs such as noise and environmental permitting, we are not consulted concerning the qualifications of their replacements. Projects take longer to start, longer to complete and close out documents seem to take forever to arrive (we are still waiting for the final paperwork for a project that was completed in September of last year). We are left with the impression that URS has become too large to provide the excellent level of service that Griener provided us for a decade.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION: Approval of URS agreement 12/19/01.

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Allow URS to complete the work in progress while we advertise a RFQ for a new Airport General Engineering firm. If URS is not selected after competing with other firms in the RFQ process, their current contract should be terminated and given to a new Engineering firm.

TOTAL COST: N/A   BUDGETED: N/A

COST TO AIRPORT: N/A   SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A
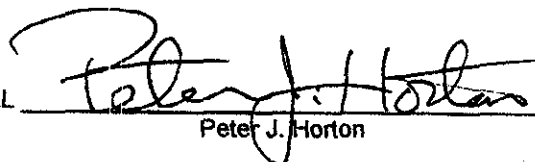COST TO PFC: N/A
COST TO COUNTY: N/A

REVENUE PRODUCING: N/A   AMOUNT PER MONTH/YEAR:

APPROVED BY: County Attorney N/A   OMB/Purchasing N/A   Risk Management N/A

KEY WEST AIRPORT DIRECTOR APPROVAL _____
                                            Peter J. Horton

DOCUMENTATION: Included   To Follow   Not Required X

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